

METRO News Release

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METRO June ridership

PHOENIX — METRO ridership totaled 815,566 boardings in June 2009. The average weekday ridership was 29,469, average Saturday ridership was 24,372 and average Sunday and holiday ridership was 17,440.

Below is a glance at METRO's ridership over the course of the first six months of operation:

| | January | February | March | April | May | June |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Average Weekday | 30,617 | 35,277 | 34,376 | 37,386 | 33,553 | 29,469 |
| Average Saturday | 31,331 | 31,417 | 28,537 | 32,720 | 27,176 | 24,372 |
| Average Sunday/Holiday | 23,815 | 19,212 | 20,508 | 22,694 | 20,219 | 17,440 |
| Total | 911,883 | 908,052 | 972,962 | 1,044,135 | 928,259 | 815,566 |

METRO attributes the current decline in ridership to typical reductions in travel regionwide during the summer including breaks for ASU and other schools, summer travel and departure of winter visitors. "We expect to have ridership peaks again in the fall and look forward to closing out the year strong," said METRO CEO Rick Simonetta.

METRO will continue to monitor ridership and report new totals on a monthly basis; numbers will be available by the middle of the subsequent month. Boardings by station reports will be available on a quarterly basis.